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SIR,

HAve long beheld with Concern and Indignation the outrageous Insolence of a Faction amongst us against the Government of their Country; against a Government which for the Mildness of its Administration, and the Legality of all its Proceedings, has, if equalled by any, been excell'd by none that ever preceded it: I cannot therefore keep Silence any longer, but must contribute what Assistance shall be in my Power to the Preservation of my Country in this important Conjuncture.

And tho' I know what Treatment will be my Fate from the *Leaders* in *Defamation*; that I must be put down among the *Black List*, as they call it; be worried by the Tools of Sedition, traduc'd as a Friend to our present excellent Constitution, as a Friend to my King, and a Defender of both Houses of Parliament, as Foe to all Political Building, and an Enemy to every Patriot Project for reforming the State, by removing the Care of it in those Hands that ever bear it; yet shall not this deter me from speaking my Sentiments as becomes a *Briton*, equally unaw'd by the Menaces of Faction, and uninfluenc'd by Private Considerations.

And further to oblige these Political Hunters, that their ever open-mouth'd Hounds may have Game to pursue, which the best Sportsman among them shall own worthy the Chace, and such as would bring a real Triumph to their Conquest, I shall deliver some of those Sentiments which I have long entertain'd, and indeed they can never be better express'd, in the Words of our most Ingenious Countryman and Worthy Patriot, the Celebrated Mr. ADDISON. And as I can easily foresee what opprobrious Language the Manufacturers of Scandal would have thrown upon me if I had ventur'd alone into the Field of Battle, that I should be immediately defamed as a Degrader of Mechanick Statesmen, a Contemner of Coffee-house Politicians and *Smithfield* Patriots, as a Rebel to the Sovereign Decisions of *Hockley in the Hole*, and a Scoffer of their undoubted Champion Capt. *Vinegar*; so I do not expect that they will spare me for fighting behind Mr. *Addison*, nor him neither, tho' long since dead: Because notwithstanding he was ever thought while living to be a true Friend to his Country, yet as he was so unwise, or so corrupt, as to enter into the Service of his King, unconscious of the Guilt of being in Place, that must be a sufficient Crime to prevent his Memory from meeting with any Quarter from Modern Patriots; nor shall I expect or desire any myself for the Applications I may make of Mr. *Addison*'s Observations.

The Sentiments I send you, from this most *Excellent Writer*, are such as on a View of the present Times will strike every thinking impartial Man with as great Force, and with as clear Conviction of their Truth and Justness now, as they did when they were first publish'd, and cannot therefore want any Apology.

'It is peculiarly observed (says Mr. *Addison* *) of our 'Nation, that almost every Man in it is a *Politician*, and 'has a Scheme of his own, which he thinks preferable 'to that of any other Person. Whether this may proceed from that Spirit of Liberty which reigns among 'us, or from those great Numbers of all Ranks and 'Conditions, who from time to time are concerned in 'the *British* Legislature, and by that Means are let 'into the Business of the Nation, I shall not take 'upon me to determine; but for this Reason it is certain, that a *British Ministry* must expect to meet 'with many *Censurers* even in their own Party; and 'ought to be satisfied, if, allowing to *every particular Man* that his *private Scheme* is the *wisest*, they can 'persuade him that *next to his own Plan that* of the 'Government in the most eligible.

'Besides (says this just Observer of Human Nature) 'we have a Set of very *honest* and *well meaning* 'Gentlemen in *England*, not to be met with in other *Countries*, who take it for granted they can never be in the wrong, so long as they oppose Ministers of State. Those whom they have admired thro' the whole Course of their Lives for their Honour and Integrity, tho' they still persist to act in their former Character, and change nothing but their Stations, appear to them in a disadvantageous Light, as soon as they are placed upon State-Eminences. Many of these Gentlemen have been used to think there is a Kind of Slavery in concurring with the Measures of Great Men, and that the Good of the Country is inconsistent with the Inclinations of the Court. By the Strength of these Prejudices, they are apt to fancy a Man loses his Honesty, from the very Moment that it is made the most capable of being useful to the Publick; and will not consider that it is every whit as honourable to assist a good Minister as to oppose a bad one.

Our Author further remarks ‡, That 'when a *Citizen* turns a *Machivel*, he grows too cunning to mind his own Business; and I have heard (*says he*) that the *Woollen Manufacture* has of late Years decreas'd in Proportion as the Paper Manufacture has encreas'd. Whether the one may not properly be looked upon as the Occasion of the other, I shall leave to the Judgment of Persons more profound in Political Enquiries.

'As our News-Writers record many Facts which, 'to use their own Phrase, afford great Matter of Speculation, their Readers speculate accordingly, and 'by their Variety of Conjectures in a few Years become *Consummate Statesmen*. Besides, as their Papers are filled with a different Party Spirit, they 'naturally divide the People into different Sentiments, who generally consider rather the Principles than the Truth of the News Writer. This Humour prevails to such a Degree, that there are several well-meaning Persons in the Nation, who have been so misled by their Favourite Authors of this Kind, that in the present Contention between the *Turk* and the Emperor, they are gone over insensibly from the Interests of Christianity, and become Well-wishers to the *Mahometan* Cause. In a Word, almost every News-Writer has his Sect, which (considering the Natural Genius of our Countrymen to mix, vary, or refine in Notions of State) furnishes every Man by Degrees with a particular System of Policy. For however any one may concur in the general Scheme of his Party, it is still with certain Reserves and Deviations, and with a Salvo to his own Private Judgment.

'Among this innumerable Herd of Politicians, I cannot but take Notice of one Set, who do not seem to play fair with the rest of the Fraternity, and make a *very considerable Class of Men*. These are such as we may call the *Afterwise*, who when any Project fails, or hath not had its desir'd Effect, foresaw all the Inconveniences that would arise from it, tho' they kept their Thoughts to themselves till they discover'd the Issue. Nay, there is nothing more usual than for some of these *Wise Men*, who 'applauded Publick Measures before they were put 'in Execution, to condemn them upon their proving 'unsuccessful. The *Dictators* in *Coffee houses* are generally of this Rank, who often give shrewd Intimations that Things would have taken another 'Turn had they been Members of the Cabinet.

'How difficult must it be for any Form of Government to continue *undisturbed*, or any Ruler to live *uncensured*, where every one of the Community is thus qualified for modelling the Constitution, and is so good a Judge in Matters of State! A famous 'French Wit, to shew how the Monarch of that 'Nation, who has no Partners in his Sovereignty, is better able to make his Way thro' all the Difficulties of Government than an Emperor of *Germany*, who acts in Concert with many inferior Fellow-Sovereigns, compares the first to a Serpent with 'many Tails to one Head, and the other to a Serpent with one Tail to many Heads; and puts the Question, Which of them is likely to glide with most Ease and Activity thro' a Thicket? The same Comparison will hold in the Business of a Nation conducted by a Ministry, or by a whole Kingdom of Politicians.'

Thus we see, Sir, that the *after-wise Politicians* have ever made a very remarkable Figure in this Country; and during the last War, there was not a Coffee-house in *London* that had for its Entertainment less than half a Score of these sage Reformers of past Events, who always shew'd away wou'd-rous wise upon what had been done Yesterday, but were generally observ'd to keep a profound Silence as to what should be acted Tomorrow; yet, Sir, I must acknowledge, that this *Science* of *After-wisdom* was never carried to that amazing Height, that unparallel'd Perfection which it has attain'd in these Times. It was a Masterpiece of Defamation left for the Refinement of the present Age, to make *Governments* accountable for the Fluctuation of the Elements, and *Ministers* answerable for every Wind that blows: This, Sir, I say, is a Flight of Abuse and Censure unknown to all the *Catilines* of former Times. For I well remember in the last War a Design was form'd by *Great Britain* and *Holland* to make a Descent upon the Coast of *France*, in the Year 1706; accordingly a large Fleet was fitted out by us under the Command of Sir *Cloudesly Shovel*, and another by the *Dutch*; Sir *Cloudesly Shovel* hoisted his Flag on board the *Britannia*, *July* the 18th 1706; the Generals of the Forces that were embark'd were Earl *Rivers*, the Marquis of *Guiscard*, and Lord *Mordaunt*. The 10th of *August* they sail'd from *St. Hellens*, were join'd by the *Dutch* Fleet the 14th of the same Month near the Chops of the Channel, but a strong Westerly Wind arising, drove them back to *Torbay*, and continuing several Weeks, the Design was laid aside, the first and second Rate Ships laid up, and the Marquis *de Guiscard* and Lord *Mordaunt* left the Fleet and came to *London*.

Yet, Sir, at that time of day such was the Ignorance of the People in general, and such the Stupidity of the Libellers of those Times, for there were then as well as now *Patriots* who never wanted the Will to find fault, that nobody then thought of censuring my Lord *Godolphin* or Sir *Cloudesly Shovel*, for letting the *West Wind* blow, or for not foreseeing that it would blow and ruin their Design; not considering, as the *Vinegar Champion* has since discover'd *, that those who govern a Nation ought to be *Philosophers* as well as *Statesmen*, and that nothing can be so ridiculous as to fit out a Fleet for Sea without first calculating what Wind will blow when they shall be ready to sail.

How our Ministers will get off from this heavy Charge, I profess I do not see; they are exactly in the same Dilemma as my Lord *Godolphin* was; I am afraid they must plead Ignorance of Philosophy, and pretend, that they really don't know what Winds will blow hereafter, by any any that blow now or have blown before. But whether in this Case it may be thought expedient, to remove them from the Management of Affairs, and to put our Affairs into the Hands of those *illuminated Patriots*, who have demonstrated to all the World, that they can discover a West Wind after it is come, and who insist upon it, that no Man ought to be a Minister, who cannot do it before; is a Point I shall not take upon me to determine.

This, Sir, I think, is the most exalted Instance of the After-wisdom of our *modern Patriots*; tho' I am told, that some of the more subtle among them are rather of Opinion that our Ministers brib'd the adverse Winds, than that they did not foresee them; and they would insinuate, that a certain Great Man has made a League with the *Laplanders*, to have what Winds he will in Summer; as he is in a Confederacy with *Russia*, to take off some of their hard Frosts every Winter.

I could give you a thousand Instances of the *Past-penetration*, and profound *After-wit* of the most famous Politicians of our Times, from the first Commencement of the War to this Day, and some of that Kind too mention'd by Mr. *Addison*, where they first applauded the Measures they afterwards condemn'd: Thus that the Brave Admiral *Vernon* should be sent to cruize for the *Acapulco* Ships, was a Measure they could not deny to be right; but when those Ships were got home to *Spain*, they wisely discover'd that he had miss'd of them, which he could not have done if he had been where they were; and therefore, said they

* *Champ. Sept.* 18. 1740.

* *Freeholder*, P. 273.

‡ *Ibid.* P. 299.

very gravely, he was not ſtation'd where they came, or elſe he——; and then they threw out a Flood of baſe and wicked Inſinuations, againſt the Integrity and Honour of that honeſt and worthy Admiral, whom now, with Hearts as falſe, they pretend to celebrate.

I dare to ſay, that noble-ſpirited Man as much deteſts the Applauſe of ſuch a Faction, as he deſpiſed their Calumnies. I dare to ſay the ſame of a Noble Peer, whoſe Praiſe the prophane *Champion* pretends to celebrate in the following Words †: 'Our Armies 'conquer'd under a *Marlborough*; our Fleets are 'victorious under a *Vernon*; and our Law *thrives* under 'a *Hardwick*.'

All this is juſt and true; and this he ſays without Confuſion of Face and taking Shame to himſelf, for having but a few Weeks before * moſt infamouſly libel'd the ſame Noble Peer, repreſenting him as a Foil, as a ridiculous Contraſt to the Great *Bacon*; ſo true it is, *funt quibus laudari non maxima laus eſt.*

When our Fleets block'd up the Harbour of *Cadiz*, then theſe great Politicians diſcover'd, that it would have been better to have let the *Spaniſh* Fleet come out; and ſince that Fleet has come out, they have diſcovered, that it would have been better to have kept them in. But their Diſcoveries of this Kind are numberleſs, and I will not detain you any longer with them at preſent. As moſt of our *modern Patriots* are of the Sect of the *After-wits*, I ſhall from time to time ſend you the Hiſtory of their *After-wiſdom*, becauſe I am afraid they will never give me an Opportunity of recommending their preſent Judgment: And if what I have now ſent you ſhall be of any Service towards giving the World a true Idea of theſe conſummate Politicians and egregious Stateſmen, my Aim will be anſwer'd.

R. T.

HOME PORTS.

Portſmouth, Oct. 29. Came to Spithead the Hound Man of War, Capt. Dilks, from *a Cruiſe*, and the Eltham Man of War, Capt Smith, from Lisbon. Arrived the William and Mary, Beale, from Guernſey.

Deal, Oct. 29 Wind S. W. Arrived his Majeſty's Ship Cruizer, and remains with the Greenwich and Biddeford Men of War. Arrived the Norning, a Dutch Ship for East India

Graveſend, Oct. 29. Paſs'd by the London Packet, Hawkins, from Bologne.

LONDON.

Yeſterday being the Anniverſary of his Majeſty's Birthday, who then enter'd into the 58th Year of his Age, the Morning was uſher'd in with Ringing of Bells, at Noon there was a moſt ſplendid Appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, &c. to pay their Compliments of Congratulation to his Majeſty on that Occaſion. At one o'Clock the Park and Tower Guns were fir'd, and the Evening concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and other Demonſtrations of Joy and Loyalty throughout the City and Suburbs.

The Ode, compos'd by Colley Cibber, Eſq; Poet Laureat, and ſet to Muſick by Dr. Maurice Green, Maſter of his Majeſty's Band of Muſick, was perform'd before his Majeſty, the Duke and the Princeſſes, and divers Perſons of Diſtinction, in the Great Council-Chamber; the Vocal Parts by the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Chapel Royal, and the Inſtrumental Parts by his Majeſty's Band of Muſick.

ODE.

Recitativo.

WHile GEORGE, provok'd to Vengeance, arms,
And gives the Western World Alarms,
Grateful his Natal Day we ſing;
And Royal Roofs with Clangours ring.

Air.

Hark! the Reſenting Voice of Thames
In burſting Thunder roars;
Indignant Wrongs, with fatal Flames,
Diſmay the Indian Shores:
Her guilty Foes repent too late,
And crumbling Walls confeſs their Fate.

Recitativo.

Lord of the Main the Britiſh Power looks round,
But finds no glorious Foe, that wou'd be bound;
War-bound in Ports the frighted Spoilers lye,
Nor dare to ſwell a Sail in Britain's Eye.

Air.

Thus where the Royal Eagle flies,
The craven Kite ſorbears the Skies,
And quailing in the Thicket cowrs;
But when the Sovereign Bird's away,
Secure the Felon mounts for Prey,
And every weaker Wing devours.

Recitativo.

On Thee, AUGUSTUS, Thee, our equal Vows
Rely, for glorious Juſtice and Repoſe.
Juſtice and Glory are thy firſt Delights.
Nor Britons prize them leſs than ancient Rights;
While from thoſe Rights enjoy'd, this Boaſt they have,
That Liberty makes all her Lovers brave.

Air.

When Monarchs juſt, and Subjects brave,
Unite to guard their own,
Then Royal Pow'r, ordain'd to ſave,
Adorns the Glorious Throne.
But where ambitious Arms inflame,
And lead the Proud along,
Ambition's but a gilded Name
For pompous Guilt and Wrong.

Recitativo.

Happy the Land whoſe nobler Monarch's Sway
The Righteous Laws of Virtue dares obey.
Who to his Realms Defence his View confines,
Yet frowning War nor ſmiling Peace declines.

Chorus.

Thrice happy Britain! thou canſt boaſt!
Such a Monarch guards thy Coaſt;
Whoſe Fleets, with Britiſh Hearts ſupply'd,
Lords of the Seas, ſhall range and ride.

The ſame Day his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, gave a grand Entertainment, at his Houſe in Lincoln's Inn Fields, to the Foreign Miniſters of the Southern Province.

As did likewiſe the Right Hon. the Lord Harrington, one other of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, to the Foreign Miniſters of the Northern Province, on Account of his Majeſty's Birth-day.

And laſt Night there was a Ball in the Great State Ball Room at St. James's, which was open'd by his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland and the Princeſs Amelia. His Majeſty withdrew about twelve o'Clock, and the Company broke up about two.

By all the Letters from Ireland which came with the laſt Mail, there does not appear to have been the leaſt Foundation for the alarming Report that was rais'd on Monday, and ſpread in ſome of the Papers, particularly the Daily Poſt, that two French Ships had been at Cork, and carry'd away Corn from thence by Force.

Laſt Wedneſday his Majeſty's Royal Licence paſs'd the Great Seal to the Provoſt and Scholars of the Houſe of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary, commonly call'd Oriel College, and their Succeſſors for ever, to hold in Mortmain any Sum not exceeding 400 l. per Ann. over and above the preſent Poſſeſſion.

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